

What is claimed is:

1. A thin-film crystal wafer having a pn junction comprising:

a first crystal layer of p GaAs; and

a second crystal layer of  $n \text{ In}_x\text{Al}_y\text{Ga}_{1-x-y}\text{P}$  ( $0 \leq x \leq 1$ ,  $0 \leq y \leq 1$ ,  $x + y = 1$ ),

5 the first and second crystal layers being lattice-matched layers that form a heterojunction; wherein

a thin film layer of  $\text{In}_x\text{Al}_y\text{Ga}_{1-x-y}\text{P}$  ( $0 \leq x \leq 1$ ,  $0 \leq y \leq 1$ ,  $x + y = 1$ ) differing in composition from the  $n \text{ In}_x\text{Al}_y\text{Ga}_{1-x-y}\text{P}$  of the second crystal layer is formed at an interface of the heterojunction.

2. A thin-film crystal wafer having a pn junction as claimed in claim 1, wherein the second crystal layer and the thin-film layer each has a y value of 0.

3. A thin-film crystal wafer having a pn junction as claimed in claim 1, wherein the thin-film has a band gap in the range of 1.75 eV – 2.10 eV.

4. A thin-film crystal wafer having a pn junction as claimed in claim 1 or 2, wherein the thin-film layer has a thickness of not less than 10 Å and not greater than 100 Å.

20 5. A thin-film crystal wafer having a pn junction as claimed in claim 1 or 2, wherein the thin-film layer is formed to be considerably thin in comparison with the first and second crystal layers.

6. A method of fabricating a thin-film crystal wafer having a pn junction, for use in  
25 fabricating a heterojunction bipolar transistor, by successively overlaying compound semiconductor crystal layers on a GaAs substrate, the method comprising:

a step of forming a base layer composed of p GaAs crystal;

a step of forming on the base layer a thin film layer of  $\text{In}_x\text{Al}_y\text{Ga}_{1-x-y}\text{P}$  ( $0 \leq x \leq 1$ ,  $0 \leq y \leq 1$ ,  $x + y = 1$ ) whose lattice constant differs from the lattice constant of the p GaAs crystal layer; and

5 a step of forming on the thin film layer an emitter layer composed of n  $\text{In}_x\text{Al}_y\text{Ga}_{1-x-y}\text{P}$  ( $0 \leq x \leq 1$ ,  $0 \leq y \leq 1$ ,  $x + y = 1$ ) crystal whose lattice constant is the same as the lattice constant of the p GaAs crystal layer.

7. A method of fabricating a thin-film crystal wafer having a pn junction as claimed in claim 6, wherein the y value is 0.

8. A method of fabricating a thin-film crystal wafer having a pn junction as claimed in claim 6, wherein the x value of the In component of the emitter layer is 0.48.

9. A method of fabricating a thin-film crystal wafer having a pn junction as claimed in claim 6, wherein the thin-film has a band gap in the range of 1.75 eV – 2.10 eV.

10. A method of fabricating a thin-film crystal wafer having a pn junction as claimed in claim 6 or 7, wherein the thin-film layer has a thickness of not less than 10 Å and not greater than 100 Å.

11. A method of fabricating a thin-film crystal wafer having a pn junction as claimed in claim 6 or 7, wherein the thin-film layer is formed to be considerably thin in comparison with the first and second crystal layers.